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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

TEN CRAFT MAKE THEIR AL- LOTTED CATCHES—14 DAYS VACATION.

Quite a lot of mackerel in Boston this morning, over 100,000 pounds, with 10 seiners reporting. Those catching their maximum of 20,000 were the St. Providenza II., Bethulia, Sebastiana C., and Serafina II., which means that according to the new ruling made at the Seiners' meeting Saturday, that these craft must come home and tie up for two weeks. They only left port Saturday night or yesterday, and now they have 14 days' vacation. Wotta life!

Capt. Percy Firth took his brother's boat, the Three Sisters, seining, this time, because Capt. Lem has illness in the family.

Capt. John A. Dahlmer sailed in the Supreme, again, taking his allotted position on the schedule of the mackerel seiners.

The seiner Ruth Lucille is back in the game again after that serious accident which kept her on the ways for a couple of weeks. Capt. Tom Benham intends to go after that 20,000 pounds to which he is entitled.

Skipper Ambrose Fleet must have changed his mind about swordfishing, for he has rounded the Point with his seine boat in tow, after another school of mackerel in the Alice and Mildred.

Thanks for the kind words, Manager A. L. Hawley of the Chicago branch office of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries. Manager Hawley was one of those old-time fishermen who recalled "The Grand Bank Horse," otherwise known as Capt. Jerome McDonald, the star skipper in his chosen field. Mr. Hawley also recalled the well-known rhyme, "Nute and Nauss and the Grand bank hoss," which referred to three leading skippers, each pursuing different types of fishing, and each at the top of the heap in his own line.

There was Capt. Loren B. Nauss of the Moro Castle, Capt. Charles Nute in the Pathfinder, and Capt. Jerome. Mr. Hawley himself, was one of the crew of the Moro Castle in 1876.

Skipper Frank Fonsic brought the swordfisherman Desire into port Saturday, as they say, was one of the boys, who was general factotum of the landing which bore his name, where the Gorton-Pew Cold Storage company is located today. Here with his famous frosted glasses, he ruled supreme, and dispensed gasoline to the craft which docked at his pier. It was he to whom is credited the saying that the gasoline engine had no principle. Where his small lookout station was located is the large plant of the William McDonald Fish company.

They tell Squibs that the only member of the Hebrew people who ever went skipper of a boat was a man by the name of Davis who over a quarter of a century ago went gill netting in the sch. Mascot, and seining for mackerel in the sch. Water Witch. This same Davis they say was a mighty enterprising gentleman and engaged in several occupations during his life. SQUIBS.

TWO SEINERS BROUGHT FARES

LOCAL HARBOR TRAPS ALSO TOOK SOME WHITING OVER THE WEEK-END.

Two of the large mackerel seiners brought their week-end trips into this port, landing them at the Producers' Fish Company at the Fort, the weight being 22,000 pounds. The fresh fish catch landed here over the week-end amounted to 63,000 pounds of mackerel, cod and whiting.

The gill netters did better than they have for the rest of the month, their total catch being 21,000 pounds of cod. Woodbury's and Oman's traps accounted for a total of 45 barrels of whiting, landed at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company at the Fort. As for the small jiggers, there were many of them with very small trips.

The fleet of 29 mackerel seiners left port Saturday and Sunday, and 12 of them arrived at either Boston or this port this morning with catches up to 20,000 pounds, those getting the maximum amount being ordered to remain in port until two weeks is over, while the rest may sail again until they have the quota agreed upon at Saturday's meeting of all seiners.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
St. Theresa, seining, 13,000 lbs. mackerel.
St. Peter, seining, 9000 lbs. mackerel.
Nimbus, netting, 800 lbs. mackerel.
C-4188, netting, 125 lbs. mackerel.
Small handliners, 8000 lbs. cod.
Woodbury's traps, 25 barrels whiting.

Oman's traps, 20' bbls. whiting.

Saturday's Arrivals and Receipts.

Elkano, trawling, 500 lbs. hake and haddock.
Nova Antonio, netting, 525 lbs. mackerel.
C-4188, netting, 400 lbs. mackerel.
Desire, via Boston.
C2052, handlining, 400 lbs. cod.
C6696, handlining, 400 lbs. cod.
"Y," handlining, 300 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Enterprise, 2000 lbs. cod.
Phyllis A., 2000 lbs. cod.
Virginia and Joan, 2000 lbs. cod.
Nashawena, 1500 lbs. cod.
Liboria C., 1500 lbs. cod.

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Naomi Bruce II., 1500 lbs. cod.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.
Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.
Hake, \$1.
Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.
Haddock, 50 cents.
Hake, 60 cents.
Pollock, 50 cents.
Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

Portland Fish Notes.

Twenty thousand pounds of groundfish were landed at Portland yesterday from two draggers, the Alice and May of Rockland and the Elva, with 10,000 pounds each.

FORTY-ONE CRAFT AT BOSTON PIER

TEN WITH MACKEREL AMONG ARRIVALS—MARKET FAIR AT OPENING.

Forty-one vessels made port today at the Boston pier with their fares of fresh fish. Ten had mackerel, three brought swordfish and the remainder reported with groundfish and flat fish. Total receipts were 585,000 pounds of groundfish, 230,000 pounds of mixed fish, 127,600 pounds of fresh mackerel and 87 swordfish.

At the opening, prices were fair but there were indications that they would slide off some before the day's trading was completed. Mackerel sold for 3.60 to 3.90 cents for large and 2 to 2.3 cents per pound for small. Three swordfish trips were also received.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Harvard, 35,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 19,000 mixed fish.
Str. Shawmut, 48,000 haddock, 13,500 cod, 15,500 mixed fish.
Marisstellia, 23,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Rita B., 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Rainbow, 14,000 haddock, 500 cod, 30,000 mixed fish.
Mary P. Goulart, 20,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Gertrude DeCosta, 4000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
Mary E. O'Hara, 53,000 haddock, 46,000 cod.
Gossoon, 20,000 haddock, 58,000 cod.
Corinthian, 60,000 haddock, 49,000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.
St. Providenza II., 20,000 mackerel.
Bethulia, 20,000 mackerel.
Sebastiano C., 20,000 mackerel.
Rose Marie, 7000 mackerel.
Serafina II., 20,000 mackerel.
Jackie B., 17,000 mackerel.
Rosie, 5300 mixed fish.
Mary and Jennie, 6400 mixed fish.
Annie and Josie, 9700 mixed fish.
Rosie P., 5000 mixed fish.
Plymouth Rock, 4300 mixed fish.
Barbara, 26 swordfish.
Babe Sears, 28 swordfish.
Newcastle, 33 swordfish.
Charles M. Fauci II., 8500 mixed fish.
Sebastian and Figli, 8000 mixed fish.
Princess, 5000 mixed fish.
Annie II., 10,000 mixed fish.
Angelina, 20,000 mackerel.

and one of the wires snapped and a block was hurled back, striking the captain on the forehead just above the eye. The crew treated the injury and the vessel hurried back to port. It was necessary to take several stitches in the cut at the hospital.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.
Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.
Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait only.
Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.
North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.
Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.
Queensport—Few herring in traps. No vessels.
Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Yarmouth—One hundred and twenty-eight pounds frozen herring and plenty fresh bait and ice available.
Grindstone—Herring very scarce. A few mackerel taken yesterday.

FLEET WILL LAND FISH WHERE BUYER IS FOUND

Mackerel Fishermen Make Change in Schedule---Craft To Be Limited to 20,000 Pounds Catch in Week

Mackerel skippers and vessel owners voted Saturday at their fifth get-together and five-hour chin-fest at the Master Mariners chamber, to allow vessels to land catches at any port along the coast where a buyer may be found. They also voted that the fleet of 58 should sail in two groups, 29 this week and 29 next Sunday; that each craft shall only land a total of 20,000 during its entire week and that any vessel may remain out until it has caught that total; that instead of each group sharing its respective pooling of stocks, the entire 58 vessels will throw in their stock and all will share in the two weeks' pooling according to their catch; that the difference between large and small price in the average price considered in the pooling shall be but one cent, and after the smoke of battle had cleared, many of the skippers put their "John Hancock" to an agreement that any seiner violating any rule adopted at the meeting, will forfeit the stock of the trip in question.

Lots Doing.

After the week just passed, it was expected that the air would be "blue" with fireworks galore, and no one was disappointed, for argument piled upon argument, and although Capt. John A. Dahlmer of the Superior, president of the Fishing Masters Producers association, endeavored to preside, he found himself in the midst of a storm which threatened to crash the entire union on the rocks at one time. But the level-headedness of the leaders asserted itself and the fact that it was suggested that the crews of the vessels would insist upon the agreements being obeyed, and the union preserved, or else they would stay ashore, changed the complexion of the meetings, and the pact survived.

Halving the fleet seemed to have proven advantageous, and although several suggestions were made to alter this plan, one of which was to introduce a rotary system whereby as fast as one vessel returned to port with a catch, another boat would sail in its place, the latter idea appeared altogether too complex, and too difficult to regulate and so the original plan was continued with practically the same boats as before in the same groups. The fares were again limited because of the scarcity of fish at present, which will probably allow but one or two trips a week for a boat anyway, and also to give the market the opportunity to dispose of the catch. The mackerel at present are running wild as they say, and a school is here one minute and gone the next. If every seiner gets 20,000 pounds within the next two weeks,

that will mean over a million pounds for the market to handle. Fourth of July week is a rather slow one for the fisheries, it was stated.

Land Anywhere.

The seiners agreed to cancel the ruling that mackerel should be landed at Boston or Gloucester only. Boston turned down thousands of pounds last week. There has been a good market in New Bedford, and probably other ports will also be able to take a few fares before the two weeks is over. Boston buyers at the Fish pier, on the other hand, claim that the demand did not warrant them to take the amount landed last week, and that what they did take had to go to cold storage for the most part. However, Saturday they took the 20,000 pounds fare of the Nova Julia for something like seven cents per pound.

Every catch in the next two weeks will share in the pool of all the stocks, according to the ruling Saturday, and the pool will be handled by John Nagle Company of Boston, assisted by Dench and Hardy, and R. M. Kelley Company, both of the Hub. No vote was taken as to when the next get-together of these seiners might be, but it is certain sure that there will be no session next Saturday, for that's when the Italian fiesta takes place.

The craft in the first group began to leave last night, and all through yesterday various ones got away to be the first to land fish in hopes of striking the market right. Others are taking it easy and waiting to see how the other fellow makes out with the buyers.

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TWO MORE SMACKS ARRIVE FROM N. S. WITH LOBSTER CARGOES.

In sailed the luxurious 31-foot Marconi-rigged auxiliary yacht Dondiroja Sunday, completing a leisure cruise along the coast from Brooklyn, New York, with Skipper Randolph E. Tyrrel aboard and at the helm. Take it from Squibs, that's the life for a crimson-corpuscled "hoomanbean," idling this old existence away, afloat on the deep with a healthy spread of canvas to take one hither and yon. Capt. Tyrrel is no grizzled old salt, but is just a healthy young New Yorker who is inhaling the invigorating zephyrs of the Bay State coast. With him are Walter E. Soltmann and Loren E. Baker, and when the gang at the Gorton-Pew Cold Storage spotted the craft, they thought that the Roosevelt party had returned to these waters.

The skipper said that they had stopped off at New London, to view the annual college classic between Harvard and Yale and intend to return to Martha's Vineyard. 'Tis a vacation they are on, and they are determined to make the most of it. Best of luck to 'em, says we.

The mackerel seiner Bethulia with Skipper Joe Curcurru aboard, arrived yesterday morning at Boston, after landing his quota of 20,000 pounds. He stopped off at his brother, Capt. Benney's wharf at the Producers' Fish company at the Fort, and will also be a vacationist here with his crew for the next two weeks. The craft left Sunday morning and returned in less than 24 hours.

Incidentally Skipper Joe had a few left and the lucky ones at the wharf were given a mess of them for the day's dinner, Squibs being among them. And were they good!

Old Gloucester has been getting more than her share of that thick and hardly delicious atmospheric soup which blankets the harbor and the entire ocean. 'Twas so dense this morning, that even the gulls were lost. It must have been tough at sea for the seiners.

Skipper Simon Theriault is scheduled to sail tonight in the halibut American, bound for the Grand Banks or vicinity again. Who knows but what he may have the honor of presenting a 60-pound halibut to the Prince of Wales next? President Roosevelt must have enjoyed that fresh gift from the briny which Capt. Theriault presented him in person at Casco bay, Maine.

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